

**In the Abstract:**

Please insert the following Abstract in its entirety into the application text following page 23 of the enclosed application:

A process for the hydrogenolysis of a sugar feedstock in the presence of a catalyst comprising: (a) ruthenium or osmium; and (b) an organic phosphine; and wherein the hydrogenolysis is carried out in the presence of water and at a temperature of greater than 150°C.

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph at the top of page 1, directly under the title:

This application is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004391, filed October 15, 2004, which claims priority to Great Britain Application No. GB 0325386.1, filed October 30, 2003.

At page 1, above the first paragraph which begins "The present invention relates to . . .," please insert

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

At page 1, line 8, please insert

**Description of the Related Art**

At page 2, line 7, please insert

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

At page 2, line 17, please insert

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**